

January 2006 Meeting Update

Summary: Although a new year may often begin slowly, the 2008 Medic 1/EMS Levy Technical **Stakeholders** jumped into 2006 with increased fervor. Busy scrutinizing the various topics that will impact each of EMS's primary program and service areas, our stakeholders are committed to analyzing the policy and funding issues that will shape the next EMS levy.

Agreeing on a standardized cost template was again the focus of the **ALS Subcommittee**, and members of this group will submit expenses for FY 2004-2006 by Tuesday, February 14, 2006. They also discussed how they should determine future unit allocations or needs, and what sort of future cost driver should be used for the next levy, topics of consideration that will resume at the next ALS meeting.

The **BLS Subcommittee** finalized its standardized cost template which is to be completed with FY 2004 actuals by Thursday, February 2, 2006. It is our hope to get ALL BLS agencies to submit their templates. The Subcommittee also continued its debate on an equitable funding formula, reviewing 3 new formulas reflecting variations on calls and Assessed Value growth over time. As the conversation settled on local versus regional spending, it was agreed that another round of formulas based on keeping the new money within the jurisdictions where such funding is generated would be reviewed.

The **Regional Services/Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee** continued its review of the current EMS programs and initiatives by examining the various Community Programs currently in place, and entertaining proposals to create a systematic and seamless Quality Assurance program, and an Enhanced Data Collection network.

Meeting Schedule:

February 2, 2006	Stakeholders Meeting – 1st Thursday of each month – 1 PM-3 PM Renton Fire District #14, 1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton
February 9, 2006	BLS Subcommittee Meeting – 2nd Thursday of each month – 1:30 PM -3:30 PM Mercer Island Fire Station #91, 3030 78th Avenue SE, Mercer Island
February 21, 2006	ALS Subcommittee Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month – 1 PM – 3 PM Kirkland Fire Station #22, 6602 108th Avenue NE, Kirkland
February 28, 2006	RS/SI Subcommittee Meeting – 4th Tuesday of each month - 10AM-12PM Mercer Island Fire Station #91, 3030 78th Ave SE, Mercer Island

If you have any questions regarding the levy process or would like copies of Subcommittee notes or updates, please contact Helen Chatalas at (206) 296-4598 or by e-mail at helen.chatalas@metrokc.gov. These documents will also be accessible at the EMS homepage (<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/ems>) in the very near future.